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downbound, with intentions of passing through the drawspan, they shall respond to the remote bridge operators' marine radio broadcast, or initiate radio contact, indicating their proximity to the bridge and requesting an opening of the drawspan or that the drawspan remain open until the vessel passes. If any approaching vessel is detected or if a radiotelephone response is received, the remote operator shall not close the drawspan until the vessel or vessels have cleared the bridge.

(6) At the end of the one minute warning period, if no river traffic is approaching or under the drawspan, the remote bridge operator may begin lowering the drawspan. Navigation lights located at the center of the drawspan change from green to red when the drawspan is not in the fully open to navigation position. The drawspan takes approximately 90 seconds to lower.

(7) If the presence of a vessel or other obstruction is discovered approaching or under the drawspan, during the lowering sequence, before the drawspan is fully lowered and locked, the drawspan shall be stopped and raised to the fully open position. When the vessel or obstruction has cleared the drawspan, the remote operator shall confirm that the channel is clear and reinitiate the one minute warning cycle before lowering the drawspan.

(8) If no marine traffic is present the drawspan may be lowered and seated. When the drawspan is lowered and locked in the closed to navigation position, the remote bridge operator periodically broadcasts, via marine radio, that: "The drawspan of the EJ&E Railroad bridge is closed to navigation."

(9) Failure of the radar system, radio telephone system, infrared boat detectors or electronic motion sensors shall prevent lowering the drawspan from the remote location.

(10) when rail traffic has cleared the bridge, the remote bridge operator shall raise the drawspan to the fully open to navigation position. When the drawspan is raised and in the fully open to navigation position, the remote bridge operator broadcasts, at least twice, via marine radio, that: "The drawspan of the EJ&E Railroad bridge is open to navigation." The cen-

ter drawspan navigation lights change from red to green when the drawspan is fully open to navigation.

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§ 117.397 Wabash River.

The draws of each bridge across the Wabash River shall open on signal if at least 72 hours notice is given.

INDIANA

§ 117.401 Trail Creek.

The draw of the Amtrak bridge, mile 0.85 at Michigan City, shall open on signal from 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. daily except Sunday from February 16 through December 14. The draw is not manned at all other times. If passage is desired, the Chief Dispatcher, Amtrak at Chicago, shall be notified. Collect telephone calls are accepted. The dispatcher shall arrange to have the draw open within 20 minutes.

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§ 117.403 Wabash River.

See § 117.397, Wabash River, listed under Illinois.

[CGD 92-015, 57 FR 37880, Aug. 21, 1992]

IOWA

§ 117.407 Missouri River.

See § 117.411, Missouri River, listed under Kansas.

[CGD 92-015, 57 FR 37880, Aug. 21, 1992]

KANSAS

§ 117.411 Missouri River.

(a) The draws of the bridges across the Missouri River from the mouth to Sioux City, Iowa, shall open on signal; except that, from December 16 through the last day of February, the draws shall open on signal if at least 24 hours notice is given.

(b) The lift span of the A-S-B highway and railroad bridge, Mile 365.6, between Kansas City, Kansas, and Kansas

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City, Missouri, is operated from a remote location. Radiotelephone contact may be established with the remotely located bridge/train controller to request bridge openings. The bridge is also equipped with a directional microphone and horn to receive and deliver signals to vessels not equipped with a radiotelephone. Closed circuit TV cameras located at the bridge enable the remotely located bridge/train controller to view both river traffic and the bridge itself.

(1) When an approaching vessel requires a bridge opening, contact shall be established with the bridge/train controller by radiotelephone or appropriate signals prescribed in § 117.15.

(2) The bridge/train controller will confirm by radiotelephone or sound signal that the bridge will open promptly.

(3) When rail traffic is on bridge, the bridge/train controller will inform the vessel that bridge cannot be opened and will also give an approximate time of bridge opening via radiotelephone. The bridge/train controller will indicate via sound signals that lift span cannot be opened if the vessel doesn't have a radiotelephone, or if radiotelephone is not used.

(4) When the bridge is clear of rail traffic, the bridge/train controller will advise the waiting vessel by radiotelephone or sound signal of the intended opening. The lift span will be raised to its full height, and the midchannel bridge lights will change from red to green.

(5) The bridge/train controller will monitor the vessel's passage via closed circuit TV and radiotelephone until it has cleared the bridge.

(6) When the vessel has cleared the draw, midchannel bridge navigation lights will change from green to red and the lift span will be lowered to the closed-to-navigation position.

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KENTUCKY

§ 117.415 Green River.

(a) The draw of the CSX Transportation railroad bridge, Mile 8.3 at Spottsville, shall open on signal when

there is 40 feet or less of vertical clearance beneath the draw. When vertical clearance is more than 40 feet, at least four hours notice shall be given. The owners of, or agencies controlling, the bridge shall arrange for ready telephone communication with the authorized representative at any time from the bridge or its immediate vicinity.

(b) The draw of the CSX Transportation Railroad bridge, Mile 79.6 at Small-house, is normally maintained in the fully open position and a vessel may pass through the draw without further signals. When the draw is in the closed position, it shall open on signal when there is 40 feet or less of vertical clearance. When the vertical clearance is more than 40 feet, at least four hours notice shall be given. During this period, if the drawtender is informed at the time the vessel passes through the draw that the vessel will return within four hours, the drawtender shall remain on duty until the vessel returns but is not required to remain for longer than four hours. The owners of, or agencies controlling, the bridge shall arrange for ready telephone communication with the authorized representative at any time from the bridge or its immediate vicinity.

(c) The bascule span of the Paducah and Louisville Railroad Bridge, Mile 94.8 at Rockport, is maintained in the closed position and is remotely operated. Bridge clearance in the closed position is 41.3 feet at pool stage. Vessels requiring more clearance for passage must contact the remote bridge operator by radio telephone to request opening. The bridge operator will confirm by radiotelephone whether the bridge can be opened safely and promptly. If rail traffic is on or approaching the bridge, the bridge operator will advise the vessel that the bridge cannot be opened, and provide an approximate time when the bridge can be opened safely. Continuous radio contact between the bridge operator and the vessel shall be maintained until the vessel has transited and cleared the bridge.

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